



UNITED STATES
PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
WWW.USPTO.GOV

MAY - 8 2003

#10

ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK, P.C.
1425 K STREET, N.W.
SUITE 800
WASHINGTON DC 20005

In re Application of: Jeffrey Dickinson et al. :
Serial No.:09/774,171 :
Filed: February 1, 2001 : DECISION ON PETITION
Attorney Docket No.: 108129-00004 :

This is in response to applicant's petition, filed March 11, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.181, to withdraw the abandonment of the above identified application based on non-receipt of an Office action and to restore the application to a pending status.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed a non-final rejection setting a 3 month shortened statutory period for reply to applicant on March 27, 2002. On December 18, 2002 the examiner mailed a notice of abandonment. Further review reveals that the technical support staff has already mailed a notice of rescinded abandonment and restarted the time period for response to the outstanding Office action on February 27, 2003. In view thereof, applicant's petition is moot.

The Request to Withdraw Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 is **DISMISSED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for prompt mailing of a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and the Notice of Allowability.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Bruce Campell by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-4205 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 746-5006.

John Doll
Director, Technology Center 1600